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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 03/26/2004

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Ma'am:

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2004 (Paper No. 3), Applicant is filing this Response and respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending. Claims 1-5, 7-11 and 13-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Shi et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,875,296; hereinafter referred to a "Shi"). Claims 6 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being